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Business, Transportation & Housing Agency  
Department of Transportation

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS  
Notice of Preparation of an Environmental  
Impact Report  
05-SLO-101 PM16.0/17.4  
Action Item

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**SUMMARY- NOTICE OF PREPARATION**  
**CONSTRUCT FRONTAGE ROAD FROM THE FIVE CITIES DRIVE AREA TO THE**  
**PISMO BEACH CENTRAL BUSINESS**

**05-SLO-101**

State Route 101, City of Pismo Beach, in San Luis Obispo County, from the Dolliver State Route 1/State Route 101 onramp to the Five Cities Drive offramp between postmiles 16.0 and 17.4.

**Proposed Action**

Construct a frontage road from the Five Cities Drive area to the Pismo Beach central business district. Project would include widening the existing bridge over Pismo Creek to accommodate the new lane, and repairing approximately 200 feet of concrete embankment along Pismo Creek where it crosses under Route 101.

**Programming:**

The project was programmed in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for construction in the 2005/06 fiscal year. The current estimated total cost for the project is \$13.9 million, capital and support. All phases of the project have been fully funded from San Luis Obispo County's Regional Improvement Program (RIP) shares and local transportation funds.

**Alternatives Being Considered:**

- No Build
- Extend Price Street as a frontage road, connecting the Pismo Beach Central Business District to Five Cities Drive. This alternative would require widening the existing bridge over Pismo Creek by 23.6 feet to accommodate the new lane, repairing approximately 200 feet of concrete embankment along Pismo Creek where it crosses under Route 101. A new onramp would be built at the current Dolliver Street/Highway 1/Highway 101 offramp. A sound wall would be constructed along the western edge of the proposed frontage road.
- The characteristics described under alternative the first listed alternative, but the soundwall would be constructed entirely of masonry block instead of a transparent material.

- In addition to the proposed improvements listed for all the build alternatives, there are noise and visual concerns to be addressed between Pismo Creek and the railroad. No retaining wall would be constructed as part of this alternative, allowing the slope to run out to the toe. The slope would encroach into the first row of mobile homes closest to State Route 101, thereby requiring acquisition of a portion of the Mobile Home Park and relocation of nine mobile homes. This would eliminate the need to construct a soundwall as part of the project.

**Potential Significant Environmental Effects:**

- Loss of visual qualities
- Increase in noise levels
- Biological impacts to federal/state endangered and threatened species and/or species of concern

**Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:**

- Consider measures to minimize noise
- Use transparent material when constructing the sound barrier and plant vegetation wherever possible
- Incorporate enhancement measures in addition to the slope repair work along the bank of Pismo Creek